Slash-neck Sweater with Giant Cable 1956

Loose sweater with garter-striped body, ribbed sleeves, centre-front cable and slash neck with facing

★★ Suitable for knitters with some previous experience

MATERIALS

Yarn
Argyll Pure Wool Aran
16(17:17:18:18) × 50g. balls

Needles
1 pair 3¾mm.
1 pair 4½mm.
1 cable needle

MEASUREMENTS

Chest
92(97:102:107:112) cm.
36(38:40:42:44) in.

Length
65(66:68:69:70) cm.
25½(26:26¾:27:27½) in.

Sleeve Seam
46(47:47:47:48) cm.
18(18½:18½:18½:18¾) in.

TENSION

18 sts. and 24 rows = 10 cm. (4 in.) square over st. st. on 4½mm. needles. If your tension square does not correspond to these measurements, adjust the needle size used.

ABBREVIATIONS

k.=knit; p.=purl; st(s).=stitch(es); inc.=increas(ing); dec.=decreas(ing); beg.=begin(ning); rem. = remain(ing); rep. = repeat; alt. = alternate; tog. = together; sl. = slip (transfer one stitch from left needle, knitwise unless otherwise stated, to right hand needle.); cont. = continue; patt. = pattern; foll. = following; folls. = follows; mm. = millimetres; cm. = centimetres; in. = inches; st. st. = stocking st.: one row k., one row p.; g. st. = garter st.: every row k.; incs. = increases; decs. = decreases; C8 = cable 8: sl. next 4 sts. onto cable needle and leave at back of work, k.4, k.4 from cable needle.

BACK

Cast on 84(88:92:96:100) sts. with 3¾mm. needles.
1st row: k.3, (p.2, k.2) to last st., k.1.
2nd row: k.1, (p.2, k.2) to last 3 sts., p.2, k.1.
Rep. these 2 rows for 7 cm. (2¾ in.), ending with a 2nd row and inc. 6 sts. evenly on last row. [90(94:98:102:106) sts.]

Change to 4½mm. needles and patt. as folls.:
1st row (right side): p.
2nd and 3rd rows: k.
4th row: p.
These 4 rows form patt.
Cont. in patt. until work measures 44 cm. (17¼ in.) at centre, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes
Keeping patt. correct, cast off 5(6:7:8:9) sts. at beg. of next 2 rows.
Dec. 1 st. at each end of next 5 rows, then at each end of the 3 foll. alt. rows. [64(66:68:70:72) sts.]
Work straight until back measures 20(21:23:24:25) cm. (7¾(8¼:9:9½:9¾) in.) from beg. of armhole shaping, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Shoulders
Cast off 5(5:6:6:6) sts. at beg. of next 4 rows.
Cast off 6(6:5:5:6) sts. at beg. of next 2 rows.

Shape Neck Facing
Beg. with a k. row, work 4 rows in st. st.
Cast off 2 sts. at beg. of next 6 rows.
Cast off loosely.

FRONT

Work ribbing as for back, but inc. 12 sts. evenly on last row. [96(100:104:108:112) sts.]
Change to 4½mm. needles.
Work in patt. with centre cable as folls.:
1st row (right side): p.40(42:44:46:48), k.2, p.2, C8, p.2, k.2, p.40(42:44:46:48).
2nd row: k.40(42:44:46:48), p.2, k.2, p.8, k.2, p.2, k.40(42:44:46:48).
3rd row: k.42(44:46:48:50), p.2, k.8, p.2, k. to end.
4th row: p.42(44:46:48:50), k.2, p.8, k.2, p. to end.
5th row: p.40(42:44:46:48), k.2, p.2, k.8, p.2, k.2, p.40(42:44:46:48).
6th to 8th rows: as 2nd to 4th.
9th to 12th rows: as 5th to 8th.
These 12 rows form patt.
Cont. in patt. until front measures same as back to armhole shaping, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes
Work as for back. [70(72:74:76:78) sts.]
Work straight until front measures same as back to shoulder shaping, ending with a wrong side row.
Shape shoulders as for back.

Shape Neck Facing
Beg. with a k. row, work 4 rows in st. st., dec. 3 sts. evenly over centre 12 sts. on 1st row.
Cast off 2 sts. at beg. of next 6 rows.
Cast off loosely.

SLEEVES

Cast on 40(40:44:44:48) sts. with 3¾mm. needles.
Work in rib as on welt for 7 cm. (2¾ in.).
Change to 4½mm. needles.
Cont. in rib, shaping sleeve by inc. 1 st. at each end of next row, then on every foll. 6th(4th:4th:3rd:3rd) row until there are 50(52:56:62:58) sts., then on every foll 4th row until there are 78(82:86:90:94) sts., taking extra sts. into rib.
Work straight until sleeve measures 46(47:47:47:48) cm. (18(18½:18½:18½:18¾) in.), ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Top
Cast off 5(6:7:8:9) sts. at beg. of next 2 rows.
Work 2(4:6:8:10) rows straight.
Dec. 1 st. at each end of next and every foll. alt. row until 46 sts. rem., then on every row until 36 sts. rem.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Press lightly, omitting welt and cuffs.
Sew up shoulder seams.
Sew up side and sleeve seams.
Set in sleeves.
Fold facings to wrong side and slip st. in position.
Press seams.